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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-30

A prosthetic device for repairing or replacing cartilage comprising at least one layer comprising at least partially oriented fibers, a base component to anchor said layer of fibers in subchondral environment and a stabilization area between said at least one layer comprising fibers and said base component.

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2. claim: 31

A prosthetic device for repairing or replacing cartilage comprising at least one layer comprising fibers, a base component to anchor said layer of fibers in subchondral environment and a cell barrier layer between said at least one layer comprising fibers and said base component.

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